



Potential Environmental Impacts

Scrap (waste) tires pose a threat to public health and the environment when improperly managed. If stockpiled, they provide breeding grounds for mosquitoes and vermin. Although tires by themselves are not hazardous, fires in tire piles are very hard to extinguish and produce both toxic smoke and runoff.



Improper storage of scrap tires

Legal Requirements

- ◆ Scrap tires are defined “special waste” [RCSA Section 22a-209-1] as opposed to municipal solid waste because they require special handling. Connecticut no longer permits the landfilling of scrap tires, either whole or in pieces. Most scrap tires in Connecticut are burned to create energy at the tire-to-energy facility in Sterling. Also there are volume reduction facilities that process tires.
- ◆ If you store more than 10 cubic yards of scrap tires (approximately 100 passenger car tires), you are required to obtain a solid waste permit. [RCSA Section 22a-208a]

For more information, visit CT-DEP’s website www.dep.state.ct.us/wst/recycle/tires.htm or call the CT-DEP’s Recycling Program at (860) 424-3022.

Best Management Practices

- ★ Store as few tires as possible at your facility. Make sure your tires are hauled away on a regular basis.
- ★ Keep tires stored indoors, or keep tire piles covered in order to prevent entrapment of water.
- ★ Be sure tire piles are accessible to fire and emergency vehicles.

Pollution Prevention Checklist

✓ Do you store your scrap tires indoors or under cover? YES NO N/A



Did You Know?

Retreads contain 75% recycled rubber compared to new tires, which contain no more than 2% recycled content.

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